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SENATE MEMORIAL 1

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 21, 2009 "SANTA FE FOUR HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY DAY" AT THE SENATE AND COMMEMORATING THE MORE THAN FOUR-HUNDRED-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE SETTLEMENT AND FOUNDING OF LA VILLA REAL DE LA SANTA FE DE SAN FRANCISCO DE ASIS, 1607-1610.

WHEREAS, before 1598, the pueblo people of the Rio Grande region of New Mexico had inhabited the area now officially known as La Villa Real de la Santa Fe de San Francisco de Asis, commonly called Santa Fe, for hundreds of years; and

WHEREAS, from the first arrival of New Mexico's Spanish colonists in August of 1598, the pueblo people of the Rio Grande and adjoining regions of New Mexico provided support and sustenance to those colonists, which allowed the colonists to persevere at San Gabriel del Yunque, the first villa and capital of New Mexico located in the pueblo lands of Ohkay

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1 Owingeh, as well as at other small outlying settlements; and

2 WHEREAS, from the time of 1607, there existed a small  
3 settlement of Spanish colonists in that same area; and

4 WHEREAS, on March 30, 1609, the viceroy of New Spain,  
5 Martin Lopez de Gauna, upon the appointment of Don Pedro de  
6 Peralta as governor and captain general of New Mexico, ordered  
7 Governor Peralta to arrive in New Mexico before the end of 1609  
8 and to establish a villa at the site of what is now Santa Fe;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, by 1610, Governor Peralta had established his  
11 villa at the site of what is now Santa Fe; and

12 WHEREAS, the pueblo people of New Mexico became part of  
13 the extended community of the Spanish colonists, providing a  
14 pool for intermarriage and becoming a source, both willingly  
15 and unwillingly, of labor and economic support for the  
16 colonists; and

17 WHEREAS, the Spanish colonists and the pueblo people  
18 engaged in a two-way exchange of knowledge and cultural  
19 folkways that would be mutually advantageous for both peoples;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, seventy years following the establishment of the  
22 villa of Santa Fe, the pueblo people took up arms and forced  
23 the inhabitants of the villa to retreat to El Paso in what was  
24 then southern New Mexico; and

25 WHEREAS, in 1692, the Spanish colonists began a return to

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1 the villa, which, following an initial peaceful return,  
2 resulted in an armed conflict lasting through 1696; and

3 WHEREAS, following the repopulation of Santa Fe and  
4 reinstitution of Spanish government in New Mexico, the pueblo  
5 people found ways to protect their traditional ways while  
6 adapting to the Spanish form of government and continuing the  
7 process of mutual cultural interchange and support; and

8 WHEREAS, over the following years into the twentieth  
9 century and despite intermittent disputes, the colonists and  
10 their descendants, many of whom were and are tied by blood to  
11 the pueblo people and other surrounding Native American tribes,  
12 and the pueblo people and other surrounding Native American  
13 tribes formed alliances and accommodated each other's cultures,  
14 allowing Santa Fe to flourish; and

15 WHEREAS, the peaceful acceptance of each other's cultures  
16 continued through the United States' conquest of New Mexico  
17 during the war with Mexico and contributed to the evolution of  
18 Santa Fe's cultural heritage, and it resulted in the  
19 recognition by the state and federal governments of the  
20 sovereignty rights of the pueblo people, including their rights  
21 to self-government; and

22 WHEREAS, during the period of 2008 through 2010, Santa Fe  
23 will proudly observe the four-hundred-year anniversary of its  
24 settlement and subsequent founding as a villa and its  
25 multicultural heritage with suitable events and observances by

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1 the residents of Santa Fe to commemorate its first four hundred  
2 years and to pass on to future generations the Indian-Hispanic  
3 heritage of Santa Fe and the surrounding region; and

4 WHEREAS, it is important that the commemoration provide a  
5 foundation for healing the past and opening the way for a  
6 permanent reconciliation between the descendants of Santa Fe's  
7 Spanish colonists and the pueblo peoples and surrounding Native  
8 American tribes as well as the descendants of all of the other  
9 Santa Fe settlers who have contributed to Santa Fe's  
10 multicultural heritage;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
12 OF NEW MEXICO that January 21, 2009 be declared "Santa Fe Four  
13 Hundredth Anniversary Day" at the senate and that  
14 congratulations be expressed to the residents of Santa Fe and  
15 gratitude be expressed to the surrounding pueblo communities  
16 for the commemoration of the four-hundred-year establishment of  
17 Santa Fe as a villa; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pueblo people and the  
19 citizens of Santa Fe be invited and encouraged to participate  
20 in ceremonies of reconciliation and mutual recognition in  
21 furtherance of the more than four-hundred-year history of Santa  
22 Fe; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to the mayor and city council of the city of Santa  
25 Fe and to the governors and tribal councils of all the pueblos

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